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Filed: Herewith)
For: HARDENING OF COPPER TO IMPROVE)
COPPER CMP PERFORMANCE)
Which is a Divisional of Application of:)
Serial No: 09/751,215)
Filed: December 29, 2000)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice.

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FORMAL DRAWINGS SUBMISSION

Enclosed herewith for submission in the United States Patent and Trademark Office are five (5) sheets of formal drawings for the patent application referenced above.

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